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Prior to the examination of the pending claims on the merits and further to the applicants' response filed on October 7, 2003, along with the request for continued examination (RCE), the applicants respectfully consider the following amendments and remarks.